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TO: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Deputy Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates

SUBJECT: Availability of Intelligence Memoranda (IM Series) to IAC Agencies.

1. The Office of Intelligence Research, Department of State, has raised a question of policy regarding the current basis for handling CIA intelligence prepared in the form of Intelligence Memoranda.

2. Since individual reports in the IM Series are frequently either requested by, or forwarded for information to offices outside CIA, the question is raised as to whether or not such IM's should be coordinated with the IAC agencies before dissemination, or, at minimum, be made available to the concerned departmental intelligence organization for information.

3. A case in point is IM 45 "Current Soviet Grain Situation" which was forwarded by ORE to the Director on 21 July. Apparently this memorandum was subsequently forwarded by the Director to the Secretary of State. The position taken by OIR is that CIA reports of which it is not aware, and in which it might not concur, should not be sent to the Secretary of State without the knowledge of OIR.

4. Since OIR is the intelligence organization of the Secretary of State, this position is not an unreasonable one. The OIR desire to review IM's prior to their release, however, is not practicable in that the delay resulting from the coordination process would frequently materially reduce the paper's value.

5. Recommendations.

    a. That Intelligence Memoranda continue to be prepared under present procedures;

    b. That the Director's office notify ORE, by copy of the forwarding memoranda, of IM's released to offices outside CIA;

    c. That ORE, upon receipt of the forwarding memoranda (b above), make available to the intelligence organization of the concerned activity information copies of IM's.

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